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87 AIRMEN PROMOTED

30 RECEIVE BOOST IN SR. NCO BRACKET

October first brought 87 happy smiles to 1 Fighter Wing as the latest promotion list for Airmen was published.

Nearly every section on the station was well represented when 57 men were boosted to corporals, 1 to acting sergeant, 20 to sergeants, 6 to flight sergeants, 2 to WO2, and 1 to WO1.

The following is the list as reported in Station Daily Routine Orders.

Warrant Officer Class 1

WO1 G. P. Poulos.

Warrant Officer Class 2

WO2 E. M. Waring.
WO2 W. A. Mitton.

Flight Sergeant

Flight Sergeants J. R. T. Hart, L. D. Hawkins, W. S. Smith, E. Churchill, M. H. Brownrigg, P. S. Malowsky.

Sergeant

Sergeants C. A. Jermyn, S. G. Dove, D. J. Monroe, T. W. Scott, B. G. Lapiere, H. Whyte, W. Kozak, F. V. Hachey, R. K. Hempseed, L. A. Watkins, F. A. Bunstone, B. A. MacDonald, O. H. Sulek, J. G. M. T. Mayer, C. K. MacDonald, L. H. Pearson, D. P. Vaughan, H. Hart, V. E. Sanderson, M. H. Bingham.

Acting Sergeant

I. W. L. Desroches.

Corporal

Corporals M. R. Watters, G. Dugdale, J. R. Nicholson, M. P. Storm, J. M. G. R. Sicotte, R. S. Etches, A. A. Binnie, W. B. VanBlaricom, J. B. A. LeBlanc, J. P. G. B. Montpetit, E. O. Hyppia, R. M. Sinnott, D. C. M.



Recent Promotions: Left to Right—Sgt Vaughan of the Station Hospital, Cpl Greig of Wing Armament Section and F/Sgt Hawkins of 410 Squadron.

Photo by Cpl P. J. Roberts

PURCHASE TAX

The experimental purchase tax coupon scheme, which enables visitors to the U.K. holding Canadian passports to buy goods across the counter free of purchase tax has been under review in connection with the changes in purchase tax following the introduction of the D scheme.

Visitors buying goods under this scheme are reminded that it is restricted to visitors holding passports issued by the governments of the United States or Canada who will be leaving the country within 3 months. Members of the U.S. and Canadian forces and their wives and families are not entitled to use the scheme.

Scanlan, R. A. Irvine, T. H. Forrest, J. W. Brenton, L. R. Lewis, F. T. Carter, L. M. Reid, L. S. M. Mitchell, P. S. Baker, D. M. Greig, C. V. Coursey, J. P. McMinn, J. M. S. Fontaine, C. L. Empey, G. V. Smith, G. Hunt, R. N. Tasker, D. J. Mephram, R. B. Tollerton, J. A. L. R. Lascelle, H. A. Belyea, R. A. Park, J. A. Migneault, J. A. Watt, N. R. Jefferson, J. R. Stone, J. L. L. Bisson, T. E. Lay, R. A. Lundin, J. A. Clark, J. L. J. Pepin, T. McCarthy, J. G. J. Rousseau, G. J. A. Gagne, W. Musychka, W. L. Atkinson, A. H. Tapp, G. A. Johnston, W. C. Hart, J. E. Jarvis, R. N. McGowan, R. A. Rose, I. R. Robinson, E. R. Graham, W. B. Baker.

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Editorial

At the time of writing the three squadrons of 2 Fighter Wing are waiting in Prestwick for weather and other sundry barriers before making the final hop of their three thousand mile journey to the Gros Tonquin in France.

With the arrival of 2 Fighter Wing, fifty per cent. of Canada's aviation contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been fulfilled on time, and at full strength. Not only may Canadians be proud of the fact that the RCAF and our Dept of National Defence are providing NATO with what was promised, but in doing so we are crowding the pages of Canadian Aviation History with some of the most creditable feats in the world. Over eighty Canadian Sabres have now crossed the Atlantic without a loss.

We at North Luffenham welcome 2 Fighter Wing to Europe and look forward to the day when both our Wings may fly together.

Leapfrog II, as was Leapfrog I in which our own 439 Squadron was the main attraction, has proven to be completely successful and the planners and the backseat boys, such as 426 Squadron, are also to be thanked for their most necessary aid.

"ed."

PRaises THE NEW COLLEGE MILITAIRE

The opening of the College Militaire Royal at St. John's this autumn means that a good start is being made on a first-class national project. It is the final recognition of the fact by the Dept. of Defence that the mother tongue of three out of every 10 Canadians is French and that recognition of this fact will both improve our defences and strengthen national unity.

English-speaking Canada, often sharp in its criticism of the attitudes of French-speaking Canada in matters of foreign policy and defence has been painfully slow to understand the complexity of the problem involved. Spokesmen in Ontario and elsewhere have in the past often dismissed the problem by airily explaining that it was up to any Canadian youth who sought to serve his country to learn English. We wonder how many of them would have found this advice palatable if the shoe had been on the other foot if the French and not the English-speaking Canadian were in a majority in the land.

The widespread attitude of mind, now fortunately not nearly so widespread as it was, lay at the root of much of the difficulties which afflicted and still afflict, our national problems. This comprehensive obstinacy was more stupid than anything else. Imagination was lacking to understand that a young man from Quebec eager for a military career, first had to make up his mind to abandon his mother tongue.

More than this, imagination was also lacking to understand that the training of raw recruits from Quebec would be helped beyond measure by having officers commissioned and non-commissioned, whose mother tongue was French. Failure to grasp this, refusal to grasp it even when it was obvious, was a root cause of the frequent reluctance of Quebec's boys to serve in the armed forces.

A good beginning was made during the last war to rectify some of these blunders. Establishment of the College Militaire Royal de St. Jean is another big step forward. In due course it will have to be followed up by other measures. Meanwhile the Defence Department is to be congratulated on a measure which will help greatly, in the event of another war, in the efficient and total mobilization of our military manpower.

—FROM *The Montreal Star*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

W/C R. T. P. Davidson,
A.P.O. 970,
c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco

Dear Sir,

I do hope "Talepipe" readers are enjoying your paper, and that "Talepipe" is prospering. Before leaving Luffenham I had meant to thank all the chaps in maintenance who worked so hard keeping Sabre "62" serviceable. The extra effort has helped me a lot in this theatre, and I am truly grateful.

Incidentally, quarters and rations here are not comparable to Luffenham. A good comparison might be the "Waldorf" as opposed to "Joe's Diner." However, everyone is healthy and no one is down-hearted or blue. They all want to get on with the job and everyone does his level best to keep 'em flying.

Some wit has been putting "Burma Shave" signs along the road down by Wing Headquarters. One is rather good—here it is :

"A Mig didn't get me
Safety first? Shuckit!
A truck driver did,
Honey bucket . . ."

By the way the Americans are very pleased with their Canadian built Sabres. However, it looks like the F-86 F is really something.

Best of luck to you all at Luffenham.

Sincerely,
R. T. P. Davidson.

Ed's Note : W/C Davidson is now on active duty with the USAF in Korea.

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST, HUMOUR,
CARTOONS FOR PUBLICATION

Famous Hall

Westminster Hall in London was built by William Rufus in the 11th Century and remodelled 300 years later.

Ancient Habits

The ancient Aztecs of Mexico had captives as human sacrifices to Gods.

Strategic Bastion

The island of Malta in the Mediterranean is 58 miles from Sicily and 180 miles from Africa.



410 SERVICING

Right at the outset of this column, we must bring a major change to your attention. Any complaints regarding this column must be addressed to Joe Sootswirl, c/o Mud-Hole Alley; instead of Sunshine Valley. Our liquified sunshine has transformed this place into a second "Metz." Looking for your aircraft these mornings is comparable to wading through a hangar smokeroom at break period. If we take a secondary position in the flying time competition this month; it will be due to the increased weight of our mud-covered aircraft. However, this mud does not account for the smears against 410, which were recently printed in other columns. Are you experiencing difficulty in finding news for your column too, Cabby. Our hardships are not great enough to wipe the grin from many faces, as they proudly display new stripes. **CONGRATULATIONS** to

But there is another reason for happy countenances around the Alley. Many of our buddies are anticipating their return to Canada, and reunion with families. Comes da beeg revaluation in the squadron as replacements begin to arrive.

That winds up another chapter of Sun Valley—I mean Mud-Hole history. In closing, remember, club members, whether he be a Doneger or a donkey—he is your muddy buddy.

NEW NCO's BUY HEADQUARTERS' BEER

BY LAC F. C. CLARKE

"Oh, beer is best, beer is be-(hic)," Ah, yes. Well here we are again to bring you news of your hard-drin- I mean working, Headquarters Staff. Since Promotion Day life around the Orderly Room has been very humid. First, we must congratulate our new NCO's, Cpl Wally Muzychka, Cpl Gerry Gagne, and Sergeant Shakey Pearson. The best wishes of the Orderly Room Staff go to you with the hopes that you may have many more similar strides of a like nature in your careers. The thanks of the Orderly Room go to these worthies, also, because, like the good men and true that they are, they "bought the beer." Yes, another memorable night was added to the history of the Headquarters. All previous records for beer consumption were smashed the night of the Promotions Party. Sgt Shakey and LAC Harry Meens joined in some close harmony during the evening and entertained the assembly with some fine old tunes. LAC Vachon took the honours for disposing of the liquid with LAC Chuck Stather a close runner-up. During the evening, Cpl Stan Bendle decided to complete the proceedings by giving a solo on his pipes. He was dissuaded from this by several of the larger members of the party sitting on his chest rendering his breathing somewhat difficult. We wonder sometimes if it isn't possible to get too eager about the dubious music provided by bagpipes. Anyway, 'twas a fine night, and many thanks again to those responsible.

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BY F/O "STEVE" ATHERTON

All the pilots give their thanks to 410 Squadron for the fine oil painting presented to us at a recent mess dinner. Despite the crude remarks about the horse depicted in the picture and the fact that part of it's anatomy was covered with a checkered blanket, it was a fine gesture, and reminded us once again of that horrible scene in our flight room one morning back in St. Hubert.

Another single chap has fallen by the way-side. F/O Norm Ronaasen recently took the trip up the aisle with Jean Downs of Nottingham. Despite the fact that the best man failed to show up in time (name withheld on request) the wedding proceeded. Several of our Squadron members attended the wedding, week-end flying prevented a full turn-out.

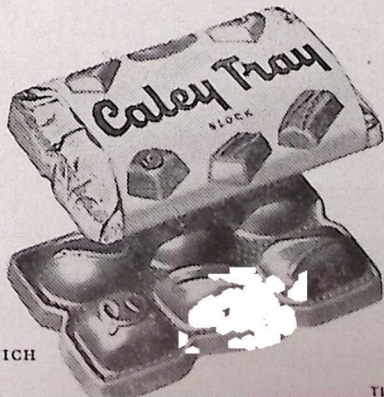
Congratulations to F/O Buzz Neilson for his successful wheels down forced landing at USAF Station Woodbridge following a flame-out at altitude. F/O's Villeneuve and Gaudry visited the continent just the other day to demonstrate the mighty Sabre at Gutersloh, Germany, to a group of high German officials.

Congratulations to the boys on their promotions. From corporal to sergeant, Bud Hachey and Jerry Jermyn; sergeant to flight, Pete Malowski. LAC's Park, Coursey, Scanlon, Jefferson, Forrest, Mignault and Sicotte changed their props for a pair of hooks. Nice going fellows, there's some that thought you would never do it.

Servicing squadron avec the "shack" have departed to dispersal. A steady ring on the buzzer will put England's first line of defence into the air in a matter of seconds. This indeed, is mechanized warfare. "Gus" has moved part of stores out so he can

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STAMFORD MERCURY

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BY F/O AL SEITZ

An occasion anticipated in the last issue took place as advertised. Laurie Hamilton took the fatal step on Saturday, September 27th and is now no longer amongst the ranks of free men. Socially the affair was a rousing success as the punch was both potent and plentiful. An interesting sidelight took place when a stranger confessed some confusion as to which two were the happy couple. It seems that one other of the members of the party became carried away with the spirit of the occasion to the point of trying to act like a newly-wed, but without the benefit of a ceremony. We won't mention any names here but the individual in question had the rather dubious honor of being "Best man." The object of his ardor was, of course, the Bridesmaid.

The sad news also reached us via grapevine that Ray Bedard was trapped while at home and the ranks of single men of 439 Squadron were depleted still more. Perhaps this business of swindling a trip home can be a wee bit dangerous. Ah, well, with a sigh of resignation we must say "Cheers. Best of luck and all that sort of rot."

As Leapfrog II is nearly over (a statement to be taken with a grain of salt as the Red Indian Squadron is still having a pow wow at Blue West 1) our boys may soon be back to relieve our pilot shortage. It has been really critical and we have found ourselves in the ridiculous position of having more airplanes than pilots; a heretofore unheard of situation. In the same vein though, we are happy to report that the Boss flew for the first time on October 9th since his operation and will again be leading the squadron in the air as well as on the ground.

Cpl. Tasker reports from
SERVICING

The big day having come and gone again we extend congratulations to Sgt "Mac" MacDonald on his recent promotion to that rank. This reporter, on an exclusive interview with the aforementioned Sgt, finds that he will not require a push bike as the Squadron is over-mechanized now and there is no need of overcrowding the tarmac and intensifying the traffic hazard.

Speaking of traffic hazards, personnel should note that LAC (Muleskinner) Gray is now again at the reins of



F/O Laurie Hamilton of 439 (F) Squadron and the former Helen Aitken of Weston Ont., on the occasion of their marriage at Empingham Methodist Church on the 27th of September.

the mighty David Brown and should take appropriate evasive action.

The day of parting grows closer for LAC (Rembrandt) Carpenter and his able assistant LAC Beaudet who leave for 2 Wing at Metz around the 20th of the month. Best wishes, boys, the latest rumour has it that at least the tents should be up by the time you arrive. Nothing like roughing it in the winter, they say.

LAC Fournier has returned from the hospital at Ely and is now on a couple of weeks well deserved sick leave.

In closing we note that the line personnel are sporting parkas already. Wonder what it'll be like when winter comes.

From ARMAMENT by
Cpl. Simpson.

There isn't much from our section except early mornings and late nights and as a result a lot of tired boys. We really look forward to a refreshing cup of, ugh, tea in Naafi each evening where the service is so good that it's a pleasure to visit the place. Who said that? However Pete Drudge is giving them some stiff competition in

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the hangar with his so called coffee. Tastes more like a mixture of varsol and old paint brushes. Never mind, Pete; we know your profit isn't high as some people claim.

Our boy Porky Hughs has gone get his wife at long last. Your golf will sure take a beating now, Porky.

Chalky White, Jim McMinn, and Tap Reid were the promotions in this section. Congrats, Boys; don't forget to wet them.

LAC MacNeil reports from
SUPPLY

First of all we at Supply wish to congratulate Sgt George Mayer on his recent promotion. Well done, George. We are also glad to hear that you succeeded in converting your "Bag of Bolts" to a state wherein it can be operated without your co-pilot Sgt "Orbit" Parent.

By the time this article is published our able and genial assistant "Shorty" Laberge will be enjoying two weeks' leave in Brussels and Paris accompanied by LAC "The Wheel" Macinnin from Telecom. It must be wonderful to be a man of means; I wouldn't know.

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**SGT'S MESS WELCOMES
"MM" DAY**

BY THE RAILBIRD

Herewith another dash of this and that from the Sgt's Mess. To all those lucky lads that the 1st of October meant "MM" (more money) days our congratulations on their recent promotions. Darn nice to see some new faces in the mess especially a couple of long suffering Corporals who were long over due for the big jump.

A lot of the lads in the mess are wondering how one Sgt Golding managed a free trip to Canada. Must be great to work in the hive of activity known as the Admin. Bldg.

A sure thing if you are a betting man. That one Certain Sgt in 441 Squadron known for his quiet voice and small stature, will be a "dead cert." for the forthcoming guard of honour.

Did you ever notice : The complete lack of interest when the service phone rings. Everybody tries to out-sit the other. On the other hands when the pay phone rings heralding the possible contact with the *femmes fatale* from Notts. you can get killed in the rush.

Words of wisdom. Never underestimate the power of the gals. Seems one certain wife in the caravan site has such control over hubby he was afraid to go home after a certain church parade not so long ago. Had to seek refuge with the bachelor boys in the mess. What say, tall and dark ?

**SQUEALS AND BASHES
or THE STATION BAND**

BY LAC H. E. IRELAND

Greetings once again from the band column to all "Talepipe" readers. And a special note of thanks to a few writers, who in their own columns gave us, the members of the band, a little credit for our efforts to date.

In the last column I wrote a short paragraph, stating as how we could use a few more members in our band. Well I gather that "Hoppy" must have woke up, because we have enlisted a few more boys to the ranks. To them I say "Welcome fellows, we certainly hope you enjoy your stay."

Enough on recruiting, let's see what's up the alley of entertainment. First off the members of the band were invited to a dance in Kettering, which to my knowledge was a terrific success. Your reporter was unable to go (wife in Canada you know) but the girls from the Kettering Pipe Band inform me they all enjoyed themselves terrifically.

ENTERTAINMENT PART 2 ???

It seems that Cpl Frank (make mine a double) Ursich, LAC Jay (I dis-

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Married Quarters Quiz. What certain WO2 was rather annoyed at his neighbour (a lowly Corporal at that) for having the odd party. If the certain WO2 would only turn the calendar back about 8 months he will recall he was winning the unpopularity contest for the same thing.

Caravan classics. One certain member of the caravan dwellers is really riding for a fall. After all some of us do want to sleep now and then. And when this certain character comes home from the mess at 00 hrs on Sunday morning and proceeds to knock on each door, just for laughs, so he says, well ??

Small plug. If you are planning to do your Christmas shopping early don't forget to drop into George Lalonde's establishment. He has all kinds of items just right for sending to the folks back home and the price is reasonable.

**WARING AND SULEK SCORE
FOR SUPPLY**

BY LAC FRANK KENLEY

The October promotion list caught us "between editions," so to speak, and congratulations are therefore, a little belated. However, late or not, we extend them to all those worthy souls who made the grade—particularly to WO2 Ted Waring and Sgt Otto Sulek, who scored for Main Supply.

Friends of Wally Muzychka, one-time Supply steno, were glad to hear of his elevation to corporal. In an interview with your reporter, Wally declared : "I owe my success to clean living and sober habits." Paul Kelvin please note.

Stock Control was the centre of considerable extra-curricular hubbub during the World Series, with Taffy Williams as the mainspring of Operation "Scoreboard." Taffy is still trying to live down the embarrassment of winning the first fiver in his own get-rich-quick scheme.

Another stock controller who got the nod from Lady Luck during the New York-Brooklyn hassle was LAC "Irish" Ireland. The following day he was flaunting a pair of baby booties around the section. Seems like he really meant it when he gave out with the craps cry of "Baby needs new shoes !"

LAC Viau, sole survivor of the old POL gang now that Rosie is back home, has heard from Otto that Metz is a muddy spot at this time of year. So if you're headed that way, better beg, borrow or otherwise acquire a pair of stout gumboots ; you might be glad of them.

Casual callers who infest Stock Control office daily are in for a shock. A counter is being constructed to intercept them—or in the words of F/L Henshaw, "to counter the influx." Gordie Flaxman, our versatile woodsman, is handling the contract.

Sickness has claimed a victim in Cpl A. W. Wadmore, now in hospital. We hope he'll be back before long . . . the Supply Section is rapidly running out of bodies ! Cpl Gordon Giles carries on in the bedding store, which has been experiencing laundry trouble just lately. Could say more about this, but it's poor policy to wash one's dirty linen in public !

The introduction of regular North Star runs from Canada has meant an increase in the amount of supplies arriving at this unit. Even the Clothing Store is being replenished with stocks. However, don't take this as an invitation to call on Cpl Johnny Berube—he still hasn't got *your* size in blue shirts.

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ACCOUNTS HOLD PROMOTION PARTY

BY SGT T. H. RIDLEY

Your accounts staff on the evening of the 6th of October held their second very successful section party. We were celebrating the promotion to Sgt of Cpl MacDonald and the promotion to Cpl of Pepin and "Knobby" Clark. Since a number of our lads are going back to good old Canada sometime this month, the party also took the form of a farewell do. To judge by the appearance of various financial wizards the morning after, one would conclude that a good time was had by all.

Your Canadian dollar has again increased in value and the official rate of exchange for pay purposes is now \$2.67 for the month of October.

S/L Brown, who is the chairman of your Canada Savings Bond campaign, reports that the initial response to the 7th series is indeed encouraging. Apparently the increased rate of interest on this savings plan makes it even more attractive than ever. Keep up the good works chaps and show the Units in Canada that we not only have the best "Sabre" Squadrons but the Wing as a whole can get the highest percentage of purchasers to strength of any RCAF Unit.

Authority has now been received whereby the Pay Accountant Officer can cash money orders, postal money orders, bank drafts and Receiver General cheques from his public imprest. However, the following points must be kept in mind. (1) The instrument must be expressed in Canadian Dollars. (2) The payee must personally present the cheque to the PAO. (3) The instrument will be converted at the official monthly rate

AIRMEN'S MESS GETS "NEW LOOK"

BY H.H.H.

I am sure that you will all agree that the Station really excelled itself on the occasion of Air Force Day. Even the organizers were amazed at the greater than expected crowds, that came on foot and by car to spend a few thrill packed hours with us.

Although I did not have the opportunity to see the "show" myself, being very much "on duty" in the Officer's Mess, I did just manage to get a peep at the other two Messes during the "siege."

I must confess, I felt kinda proud of my section, when I walked into the Airmen's Mess—it was spotless, the gleaming new red tiled floor, and the clean fresh appearance of EVERYTHING really shook me! It was an NCO's dream. All the more remarkable, when one considers that less than 24 hours before, the painters, plumbers and other high priced help were still very much around. Any-

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of exchange. (4) The PAO cannot cash personal cheques. (5) Regular banking facilities should be used whenever possible. A DRO notice will be published as to times that payess may present cheques to the PAO for cashing.

Congratulations are in order for F/O G.B. Hawkins and his wife. A second son was born in the Station Hospital on the 25th September. As at the time of writing Mrs. Hawkins and young Master Paul have arrived home and are both doing fine.

Enough said for now, so in closing remember

"A dollar saved is a dollar earned."

BUY BONDS

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way, congratulations, F/Sgt Bob Little and the "Boys" for a swell effort.

The catering staff at the Officers' Mess also had a full schedule, and I guess the cooks and waiters were pretty tired when it was all over. We served afternoon tea to the Officers and guests and to give you some idea of the volume of food consumed a this function I will mention that some 4,000 sandwiches and 60 dozen fancy cakes were disposed of. The normal supper meal followed, and the day's activities concluded with a dance at which a Buffet Supper and piping-hot French Fries were served.

A dance at the Sergeant's Mess was very well attended, and from all accounts, very well enjoyed. Of particular interest was the very attractive Buffet Supper, prepared under the supervision of Sgt Bob McCrindle. Bob tells me that the evening went very well, in fact, said he, "they ate everything but the table-cloth."

But why cut it that fine Bob?

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Squeals and Bashes

agree Henderson and LAC Bob (couldn't care less) Clark, are keeping us in the dark as to when and where the band is holding its big do. Oh yes, the band too can have a party. The ME Accts, and SOR have had theirs, now it's our turn to do it up good, the question now is, are there any Dancing Girls Frank?

RUMORED ITEMS:

The grape vine has it that F/O McInnes has been posted to France. On behalf of the band we're sorry to see "Maccy" leave. But to you Sir we say all the best on your new station. Now all we have to do is find

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By Tate



BY CPL "DOC" BAKER

BASKETBALL

News from the basketball world is coming thick and fast as another season gets under way. With 3 or 4 games under our belts, two of them on our own floor, the "Canucks" have high hopes.

Dawn Patrol from 0600 to 0700 hrs has met with varied comments, but from the scoring book it is paying good dividends. For those less ambitious the 1900 to 2000 hrs practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays fills the bill.

We hope to have an intersection league going strong before long at which time the new gym should be a going concern all week long. For those who are out of shape or just want to have a good time—the gym (Building 29) is open at any time. Just remember, it's your gym, use it properly.

Without a doubt the team is coming along, but sometimes temper instead of spark flows and then the sport becomes lost. However to give credit, the "Canucks" have yet to lose their first game.

While basketball is not being played every night, the hall is not being used. We have bars, a vaulting horse, boxing and soon we will have weight lifting. So come on fellows, let's get in shape for hockey or what have you.

FOOTBALL

The team fresh and stinging from defeat of last week, went out fighting last Wednesday, but only to lose by one goal. They tell me that more players are required for practising, so you footballers come on out.

KING

We are starting three nights per week and will include weekends if required. We have the equipment and time. Now all that remains is you. Don't forget that the four best boxers are going to Ireland to compete in the sport of kings against the fighting Irish.

HOCKEY

We have been told that we will if at all possible, play Section hockey this winter. But, that's all the gen we have on this sport for now.

That's 30 in sports for now.

Famous College

Oxford, oldest University in the United Kingdom, had its beginnings in the early 13th Century.

Noted for Salmon

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Historic Names

The Island of Jamaica has three counties named Surrey, Middlesex and Cornwall.

2 FW SEND-OFF

The following is an extract from a speech by the Honourable Brooke Claxton, Canadian Minister of National Defence, at Final Parade before the departure overseas of Squadrons 416, 421 and 430 of the RCAF at Uplands RCAF Station, Ottawa, on Tuesday, September 23, 1952, at 3.00 p.m.

"Within the next few days you will be leaving for overseas.

This is a unique occasion for several reasons.

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In the third place, you will be taking your stand as a further instalment of Canada's contribution to build up the bulwarks of our security. You will be located at Grostenquin, near Metz, one of the four Canadians airfields. I am glad to say that unavoidable delays in securing this airfield have been overcome, and you will arrive and take your place right on the target date as originally planned.

There you will be the first wing of Canadian fighters, jet or otherwise, to operate under Canadian command in

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The first edition of "Albatross" boasted 32 pages of station and Canadian news and future copies will be published weekly.

Again we wish them all the luck and success in their new venture.

"ed."

Healthy Spot

The Isle of Wight on the English South Coast, famous for its watering places, has an area of 147 square miles.

A/V/M CAMPBELL NEW AIR DIVISION CHIEF

OTTAWA. Air Vice Marshal Hugh Lester Campbell, CBE, CD, 44, of Salisbury, NB, has been appointed Air Officer Commanding the RCAF's Air Division Overseas. A/V/M Campbell will assume his new duties at a date to be announced later.

Air Commodore Keith L. Hodson, OBE, DFC, CD, 37, of London, Ont., who has been serving as head of the Air Division planning team since January, will become Chief Staff Officer under A/V/M Campbell.

A/V/M Campbell who leaves the post of Canadian Chiefs of Staff representative at the Canadian Joint Services Headquarters in Washington was born in 1908 in Salisbury, New Brunswick.

Historic Building

The castle at Capetown, begun in 1666, is the oldest existing building in South Africa.



BY F/L A. T. LITTLEWOOD

THANKSGIVING—1952

When this appears in print, Canada's day of National Thanksgiving will have come and gone. It would be an unpardonable thing for any Canadian to permit the occasion to move into the past, without reflection, without some seasonable recognition for one of our national emphases.

True, we are busy about many things, but it would certainly not be to our credit, nor yet to our well-being, if we should manage to lose our own soul in the multiplicity of tasks.

There must be some serious spiritual deficiency in the make up of any who never feel the urge, the inner surge, to be grateful and thankful. Canada has been good to all of us and temporary absence from home is surely making us more appreciative of the excellence of our heritage, particularly as "distance lends enchantment to the view."

At one and the same time, citizenship is both a matter of obligation and privilege, and the latter simply cannot be without the former.

All this, of course, has been said before, but there is continual need for reiteration as the impedimenta of living threatens the higher quality of life itself.

Casual acceptance of the blessings that are ours as Canadians is essentially wrong. With pride, gratitude and thanksgiving are we to receive them, accepting responsibility as well as right, obligation as well as office and principle as well as privilege.

Thus must we pause and consider, as another Canadian Thanksgiving season finds its place with others of the past.

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Squeals and Bashes

someone to fit the empty uniform, of a big man or two small ones.

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CANADIAN ROLE MAJOR PART IN NATO AIR TRAINING

The experience picked up by the RCAF in running the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan during the Second World War promises to make Canada one of the principal aircrew incubators for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

There is strong evidence to support the theory that the BCATP was the greatest contribution made by Canada to the success of the Allies against the Axis. Starting with an agreement signed in December, 1939, by the Governments of Australia, New Zealand, Britain and Canada, the plan blossomed into a smooth-running air training scheme that at its peak in January, 1944, had 73 flying training schools under its jurisdiction and in its lifetime produced more than 131,000 highly trained aircrew.

Canada is particularly suited to such air training schemes. Her young men have proved themselves excellent airmen, she has vast areas of flat land away from large population centers, her variable climate gives airmen training in all types of weather, and her geographic location makes her less vulnerable to bombing attack than any large power, even in this age of long-range atomic bombers.

Now with the threat of Communist imperialism growing and the Western nations banding together to deter this aggression, Canada's ability to produce pilots and navigators second to none in the world takes on new import. During a NATO meeting at Paris in March, 1950, Canada's De-

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New NCO's Buy Headquarters Beer

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Some people may get the impression from this column that life in the Orderly Room is all beer and skittles. We shall correct that misconception right now. What with working seven days a week, Security Guard, operations Et Al, the strain is beginning to show on some of the personnel. LAC Vachon has been acting very strangely down in his corner typing DRO's these days. His usually happy face has been marred by a scowl, and a very threatening look. Your reporter ventured close to him the other day and heard him muttering strange things like "work all the time," "never get a stand-down," "patrolling for hours in the cold, for what," "they can't do this to us," "they'll be sorry," we very much fear life has become too much for our erstwhile happy companion. By the looks of him he may be contemplating a gun-powder plot as Guy Fawkes Day approaches. Perhaps it would be to the interest of the service to give Vache some leave so that he could get to that pub of his in Brighton of which he never stops talking. Never mind Vachon, just keep thinking of the long week-end coming, and try to hold on till then.

Visitors to the Headquarters these days have noticed a lack in the atmosphere. Something is missing from the Orderly Room. No more do we hear a cheery voice calling "Hello Mate," "Chum," "Old Man," etc., for our Major has gone to Canada on leave. We wonder how some people seem to get all the luck. However, WO2 Thompson is enjoying some well earned leave at home, lucky lad. Sgt Frank Golding is also on the other side of the pond having himself a time. Goldie's cigar and booming voice is sorely missed around Headquarters, but the atmosphere is clearer, and we who work in Central Registry can leave our oxygen masks at home now.

We would like now to post a warning to all personnel whose business takes them to Central Registry. In the past week many innocent bystanders have been maimed and bruised by what they afterwards described as a truck running over them, while in the CR. We shall now explain what has been happening. You may remember in the last edition we commented on Cpl Maclean's success in London without his glasses. Well, Cousin Weak Eyes has made a conquest down in the "Big Smoke," glasses or no glasses. The telephone wires between London and North Luffenham have been sizzling with calls for Mack from someone with a

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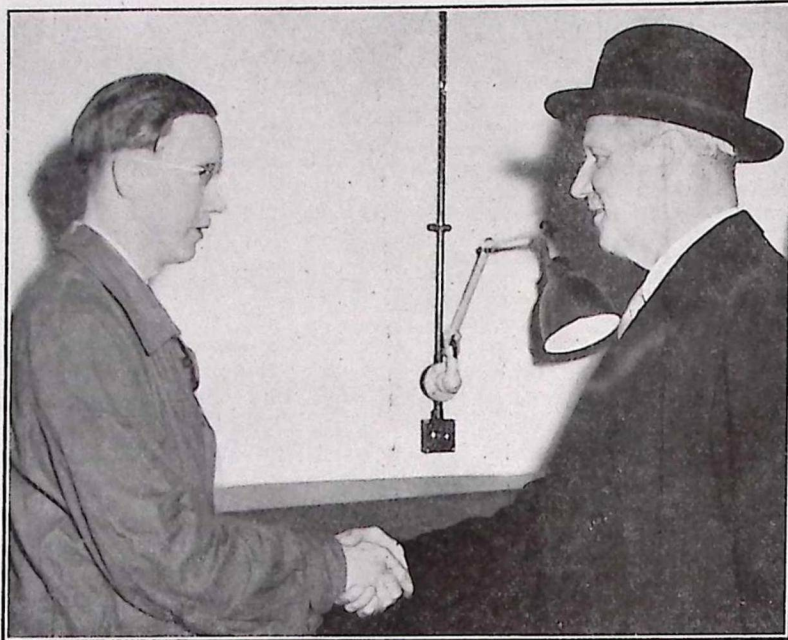
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The Lt. Hon. Col. George Drew during a visit to the Wing Arm. Systems meets Cpl Al Phillips. Photo by LAC B. Fretts

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New NCO's Buy Headquarters Beer

very sweet dulcet voice. Now every time the telephone rings no matter where the good corporal is, he answers it before the first ring is completed. Anyone happening to be in his path is mowed down; therefore a safety hint; if you are standing in Central Registry and the telephone rings, leap for a pigeon hole, it may be cramped, but it is better than a broken leg.

Great Cave

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Before long you will be joined by the other two wings of three squadrons each. We expect that the second wing will proceed to its airfield at Zweibrucken in Germany, where good progress is being made with construction.

Arrangements are being pressed for the third and fourth airfields. When the fourth is ready we would expect to move the wing from England.

Many Storms

It has been estimated that about 50,000 thunderstorms occur each day in different parts of the world.

Safety Device

A radio or television aerial that is properly grounded serves also as a lightning conductor.

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Nato Air Training

ence Minister Brooke Claxton offered to train fledgling aviators of the signatory powers in RCAF schools with Canada providing, in addition to the cost of training, all food, accommodation, transportation within Canada, and hospital and dental care. The offer was eagerly accepted and in July, 1950, the first trainees arrived in Canada.

After a pre-flight orientation course at London, Ont. where they received language instruction, lessons in Canadian geography and customs, and other information to ease their introduction to RCAF training techniques, the cadets moved on to Centralia, Ontario, for pilot training, or to Summerside, Prince Edward Island, for navigation instruction. And in 1951 a second Air Navigation School was opened at Winnipeg.

Understanding and tolerance on the part of instructors and students alike paved the way past the obstacles of language, rank, and custom differences, and in May, 1951, the first graduates stepped up to receive their coveted flying badges. By the end of February, 1952, over two hundred aviators from Britain, Italy, Belgium, France, Norway and the Netherlands were wearing the special RCAF pilot and navigator wings devised for NATO graduates, while over 800, including Danes, were under training.

To prepare for this training buildup and to meet Canada's commitment of 12 Squadrons for Europe, the RCAF has reopened a number of wartime air stations and accelerated its entire fly-

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TIGER TALK

News from TELECOM
by LAC Groleau.

As LAC McInnis said "We the Empire Builders, the backbone of 439 Squadron," are back in the news again. To start with, let's bring to your attention the highlights of the party held at Wing Radio Workshops. We couldn't ask for a better place, time, people, grub and—the wet stuff. As usual our dear Olaf Battersby grabbed the spotlight with his recitations about "Dead Eye Dick and Mexican Pete." Ask any "Com-Tech" for commentary on Olaf's performance.

Well, new "wheels" have increased the strength of the section. Congratulations to Cpls Hyppia and Van-Blaricom in their new role of Junior NCO's. On the other hand, we'll be losing a "spoke" to Metz. LAC J. Tardiff is leaving for his mother country around the twentieth of October. Good luck Jack.

If you see a car running three wheels without a battery and engine don't get panicky. It's only our sergeant operating his old jallopy with radioactive sand from Wing Radio Workshop. LAC Little is still making small talk about the 75,000 quid he is going to win in the soccer pool. That is the reason you don't see him on the week-ends. He goes to London, getting information from a certain girl in Battersea, they're partners you know.

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With the Silver Fox

be near the boys. This dispersal point is handy to the Stamford road, so let's not get any ideas.

Our RAF counterparts have received their Sabres. Almost before they had finished taxiing they had the aft section off and were swarming about them like a nest of ants at a picnic. They were eager to know all about it and were picking up gen as they went along. It won't be long until they will be serious rivals in the sky.

An open letter to 441 :
Comrades in arms,

This is a letter to tell you of a new competition on the station. It is more important to you than any sports day ever could be. To enter into this contest is also investing in your future as a Candian. I'm sure you would all like a look into your future. Well, I don't profess to be able to fortell what will happen next week, or next month. But I can and will tell you what will happen a year from now if you enter our competition.

Perhaps on entering the gate some time in the last week or so you saw, mounted near the flag pole, two signs resembling a picture of a thermometer. Heat will make a thermometer rise but to make these certain ones rise we need money. You are not giving it to us. You are lending it to us at a good rate of interest. We will pay it back plus your interest at the end of a year. I suppose you have guessed by now that we are talking about the soundest investment in the world, CANADA SAVINGS BONDS.

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Pardon us for taking up space in your column but we felt you should know about this.

Yours for a Golden Future,
Dept. of Finance.

Well, fellows, what say we try for a hundred per cent. If we could do it with our a/c we can do it with savings bonds. Keep an eye on the squadrons' progress by the chart beside the flag pole.

Anyone who wants to play basketball for a squadron team, come out to our first practice. You will all be notified when the date is set. Meanwhile the gym is open every night so you can go early and weed out the rough spots. Cpl Bill Edmondson will be looking after the team. Old sink 'em from centre Bill they used to call him in his younger days.

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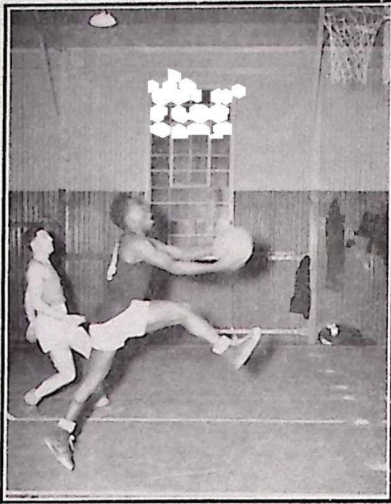
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SATISFACTION



An incident in the basket ball games with RAF Cottessmore, LAC Barton of 441 leaps to score. Photo by Cpl W. A. Wiltzen

Nato Air Training

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ing training program. A second large air navigation school has been established at Winnipeg, Man., and a number of British and Canadian cadets have already graduated.

In addition to Centralia, Ont., where the first NATO pilots were trained, pilot training schools have been opened at Gimli, Manitoba, Claresholm and Penhold in Alberta, and Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan. An advanced flying training school is located at Saskatoon, Sask., and another will be opened at Portage La Prairie, Man., with a pilot gunnery school at MacDonald, Man. Future plans call for the Gimli school to be converted into an advanced training school.

Large numbers of aircraft are being manufactured in this country and others purchased as an interim measure from the United States. Twin engined Mitchell bombers are being used as a conversion trainer to multi-engine aircraft and T-33 trainers, twin-seat version of the F-80 Shooting Star, for conversion to jet-propelled aircraft. The latter plane along with U.S. designed F-86 Sabre and the Canadian-designed CF-100 Canuck are being mass produced in this country.

THE BOOK REVIEWER

Thoughts after reading six Western story pocket books from the drug store :

The death toll in these Western stories is awful. In the six books I read 74 men were shot to death (16 were shot out of their saddles, the remainder just shot), 23 were wounded, 13 beaten up, two more lynched. The mortality rate ran .52 men per chapter, not counting the sheriffs.

In the same six books the property loss was : five ranch houses burned to the ground, six barns burned to their foundations, 26 horses shot off their feet, 9,450 cattle stampeded, three saloons shot up, two jails cleaned out.

The heroes in these Western stories are usually called Steve. They don't do any work. They just ride the trail looking for something, some intangible thing. Frequently they do not know themselves what they are looking for. Personally, I think it is trouble.

Steve will ride into a little western town which is basking in the sun, or lazing in the shade, or maybe it is broiling in the heat. Before he gets there the town is a peaceful spot. Within five minutes of his arrival all Hell breaks loose.

This is not Steve's fault. He is not fixin' to start anything. Only he has the ability to sense trouble.

"You come a long ways, stranger?" a bartender asks friendly like.

"Maybe," Steve drawls, sensing trouble. "What's it to ya?" he rasps, feeling the hot breath of trouble upon him.

"Figurin' to stay a spell, pardner?" a hotel clerk asks Steve.

"Maybe," Steve says, sensing trouble in the question. "Yo want to make something of it?" he barks, sensing more trouble.

Another thing about Steve is the way he has with heroines. The more beautiful the heroine and the more Steve loves her, the tougher he treats her.

"Steve," sighs the heroine at the end of the book, "Steve," she says, after Steve has saved her and 3,000 cows, "Steve" she breathes, the fire-light emphasizing the curves of her

PATRIOTIC AIR NATIONAL HIT

New Canadian Pens Serenade

In training planes, on airfields, hangars and in mess halls all across Canada, men and women of the Royal Canadian Air Force these days are singing, humming and whistling a new song which seems destined to become one of the greatest patriotic compositions of this generation.

Entitled "They all Call it Canada but I Call it Home," it was written not long ago by Freddy Grant, a foreign-born Canadian. It became popular, especially with service personnel, almost overnight after the Royal Canadian Air Force Band, conducted by Squadron-Leader E. A. Kirkwood, played it at every performance at the 1952 Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Music critics predict it will quickly become equally as popular in schools, at civic gatherings, with service clubs and in fact with Canadians in all walks of life across the Dominion.

Born in Germany of Polish parents, the young composer was another victim of Hitler's lust for power and spent several years in prison camps during the war years. He was 17 in his 'teens when he took up residence in England where, before coming to Canada, he wrote several other hit songs including "You'll Get Used to It," "Play Hurdy Gurdy Play" and "How Can You Buy Killarney?"

His latest hit "They All Call it Canada, But I Call it Home," is a stirring air, with a sentimental, patriotic theme.

Typical is one verse :

"The people beyond our borders,
And far across the foam,
They all call it Canada,
But I call it home."

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rounded body, (all these women have rounded bodies) . . . "ain't you interested in me, Steve?"

"Maybe," Steve says, sensing trouble.

"Goodbye," he says, "I reckon be ridin' on."

He does too.

How did they ever develop the West?